REMARKS

In the *final* Office Action mailed March 18, 2010 the Office noted that claims 1-20 were pending and rejected claims 1-20. In this amendment claims 1, 7 and 10 have been amended, no claims have been canceled, and thus, in view of the foregoing claims 1-20 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejections are traversed below.

EXAMINER INTERVIEW

The undersigned wishes to than the Examiner and his supervisor for meeting to interview the instant Application. At the interview a proposed amendment was presented and argument made to how the amendment distinguished from the prior art. After some discussion between the parties it was determined that the amendment did not differentiate the claim from the prior art. However, Examiner and Applicant discussed the relevance of Zuppicich as regards all its functionality being located in the read. It was suggested that amendment that made the functionality found in the reader of Zuppicich only available in the card would differentiate the claims.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Lagosanto, U.S. Patent No. 6,807,561 in view

of Zuppicich, U.S. Patent No. 6,698,654. The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection with an argument and amendment.

Claim 1 has been amended to further recite "wherein the execution of the data object is performed with only the card directly accessing the data object by using the first local reference." Support for the amendment may be found, for example, in ¶ 0014 of the printed publication version of the Specification. The Applicants submit that no new matter has been added.

Zuppicich, col. 2, lines 14-15 and 21-25 state "a plurality of low level protocol sets are stored which each correspond to a known data storage card type … said card reader/writer reads and **translates high level language commands from the host program to corresponding commands within said established low level protocol and writes these low level commands to said car**d." (Emphasis added)

Further, Zuppicich, col. 3, lines 5-9 state "(6) translate the instructions from said controller to commands appropriate to the inserted card using the selected command strings from the second array, and (7) either **read or write data to said card** in accordance with said generic instructions." (Emphasis added)

Thus, Zuppicich translates high level commands to low-level commands and reads and writes to the card. The translation

at the reader/writer allows direct access by the reader/writer of the object in the card.

Claim 10 recites similar features. For at least the reasons discussed above, Lagosanto and Zuppicich, taken separately or in combination, fail to render obvious the features of claims 1 and 10 and the claims dependent therefrom.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 103. It is also submitted that claims 1-20 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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